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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP
TO CHILE

1. OFFICE OF SYG INFORMED MISOFF JUNE 13 THAT JORGE
VITERI OF THE ECLA STAFF IN SANTIAGO HAS BEEN IN NY
AND GENEVA IN CONSULTATION ABOUT THE PREPARATION FOR
THE VISIT OF THE WORKING GROUP TO SANTIAGO, NOW
SCHEDULED FOR 15 DAYS, FROM APPROXIMATELY JULY 13 OR
14. HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION (HRD) OFFICERS WHO WILL
BE GOING ARE: VAN BOVEN OR PAPADEMAS, MS. TEITELBAUM,
AND TOM MCCARTHY. IN ADDITION, EITHER LEONARDO
FRANCO (OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES STAFF,
FORMER CONSULTANT TO THE WORKING GROUP, AN ARGENTINE
LAWYER) OR FRANCESC VENDRELL, OF THE STAFF OF THE
UNDER SECRETARY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS,
TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION, WILL ALSO GO. THE
WORKING GROUP WILL MEET ON JULY 10TH IN NYC BEFORE
GOING TO SANTIAGO. AT THE REQUEST OF BENITES (AN
ECUADOREAN AND MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP), THE PLAN
TO MEET IN QUITO WAS DROPPED.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH VITERI ON JUNE 14 MISOFF
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LEARNED FURTHER THAT THE WORKING GROUP WILL PROBABLY
ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO ON JULY 12TH, REST THAT DAY, AND
HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH IGLESIAS AND THE HEAD OF THE
UNICEF OFFICE ON THE 13TH. PROBABLY, THEY WILL SPEND
MOST OF THE 14TH IN CONTACTS WITH GOC OFFICIALS, AND
OVER THE WEEKEND WILL WANT TO SEE THE CARDINAL. AS
SOON AS THEY ARRIVE IN CHILE, THEY INTEND TO ISSUE A

LOW-PROFILE COMMUNIQUE THAT WILL CONTAIN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ASSURANCES THAT THE SECURITY OF THE PERSONS WHO WISH TO APPEAR BEFORE THE WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN GUARANTEED BY THE GOC, AND THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. LEONARD

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